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Broadcast by Ruth Van Deman, Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, in the Department of Agriculture's portion of the National Farm and Home Hour, Friday, November 5, 1943, over stations associated with the Blue Network.

ANNOUNCER: The Department of Agriculture presents Ruth Van Deman, Wallace Kadderly, and a Michigan farmer....First, Ruth Van Deman.

VAN DEMAN: Some days ago, I mentioned a civilian badge of honor that all of us can proudly wear. That badge of honor is a patch. And any woman with skill in handling a needle and thread can make neat, inconspicuous, patriotic patches.

Well, that idea seemed to hit a lot of people just right. Thousands of listeners wrote in to get our bulletin called the "ABC's of Mending." Some of the cards and letters expressed a great deal more than passing interest. A Virginia woman wrote: "Here's an old adage my mother used to quote -- "Patch by patch is neighborly, but patch on patch is beggarly." I'm willing to have the latter if it will help win this war."

A home demonstration agent wrote that she passed along the information, from the broadcast and the bulletin, to a Home Demonstration Club. She indicated that the club members are very much interested in patriotic patches.

One letter came from a staff sergeant in the Army. (This sergeant is stationed in the west, where the Farm and Home Hour is heard early in the morning. The sergeant says: "....a great many of us listen to and enjoy your radio program, which comes on just as we are getting up in the morning.") Then he said: "It may seem strange for an Army Sergeant to ask for a book on sewing but there are a great many of us who, through necessity must do our own mending and patching."

Well....in view of the wide interest in patriotic patches and the "ABC's of Mending," I want to offer it again. It gives all the standard mending stitches, tells about patches and ways to darn....by machine and by hand.

To get a copy of this bulletin, send a post card to Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Ask for the "ABC's of Mending."

And now....here's Wallace Kadderly.

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